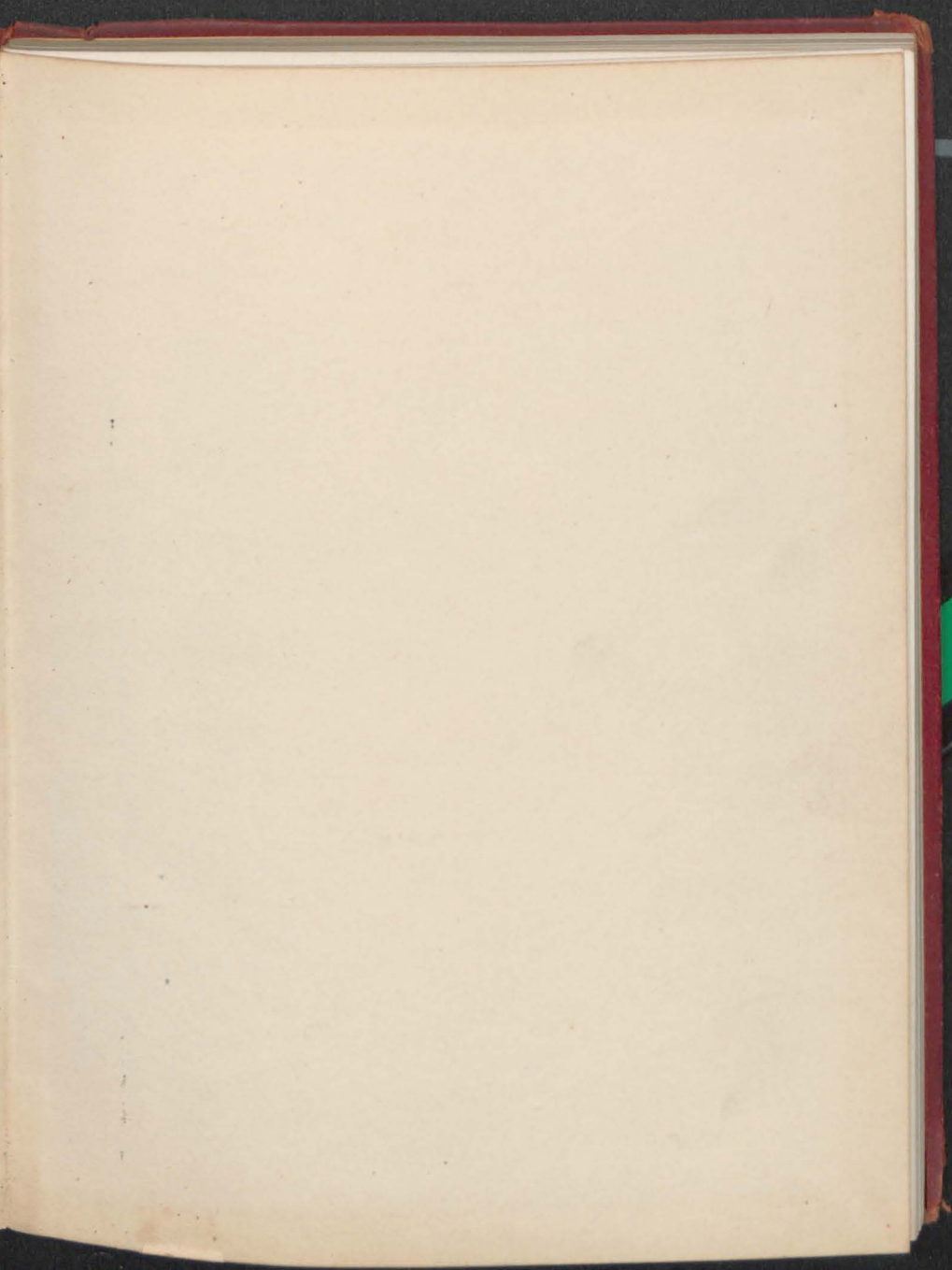


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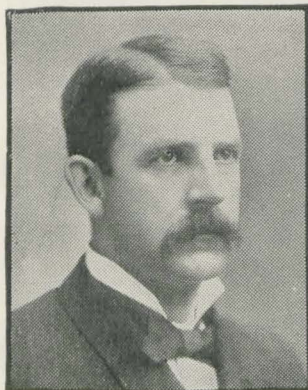








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A. G. SPALDING

Anticipating the present tendency of the American people toward a healthful method of living and enjoyment, Spalding's Athletic Library was established in 1892 for the purpose of encouraging athletics in every form, not only by publishing the official rules and records pertaining to the various pastimes, but also by instructing, until to-day Spalding's Athletic Library is unique in its own particular field and has been conceded the greatest educational series on athletic and physical training subjects that has ever been compiled.

The publication of a distinct series of books devoted to athletic sports and pastimes and designed to occupy the premier place in America in its class was an early idea of Mr. A. G. Spalding, who was one of the first in America to publish a handbook devoted to athletic sports, Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide being the initial

number, which was followed at intervals with other handbooks on the sports prominent in the '70s.

Spalding's Athletic Library has had the advice and counsel of Mr. A. G. Spalding in all of its undertakings, and particularly in all books devoted to the national game. This applies especially to Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide and Spalding's Official Base Ball Record, both of which receive the personal attention of Mr. A. G. Spalding, owing to his early connection with the game as the leading pitcher of the champion Boston and Chicago teams of 1872-76. His interest does not stop, however, with matters pertaining to base ball; there is not a sport that Mr. Spalding does not make it his business to become familiar with, and that the Library will always maintain its premier place, with Mr. Spalding's able counsel at hand, goes without saying.

The entire series since the issue of the first number has been under the direct personal supervision of Mr. James E. Sullivan, President of the American Sports Publishing Company, and the total series of consecutive numbers reach an aggregate of considerably over three hundred, included in which are many "annuals," that really constitute the history of their particular sport in America year by year, back copies of which are even now eagerly sought for, constituting as they do the really first authentic records of events and official rules that have ever been consecutively compiled.

When Spalding's Athletic Library was founded, seventeen years ago, track and field athletics were practically unknown outside the larger colleges and a few athletic clubs in the leading cities, which gave occasional meets, when an entry list of 250 competitors was a subject of comment; golf was known only by a comparatively few persons; lawn tennis had some vogue and base ball was practically the only established field

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sport, and that in a professional way; basket ball had just been invented; athletics for the schoolboy—and schoolgirl—were almost unknown, and an advocate of class contests in athletics in the schools could not get a hearing. To-day we find the greatest body of athletes in the world is the Public Schools Athletic League of Greater New York, which has had an entry list at its annual games of over two thousand, and in whose "elementary series" in base ball last year 106 schools competed for the trophy emblematic of the championship.

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A short sketch of a few of those who have edited some of the leading numbers of Spalding's Athletic Library is given herewith:



### JAMES E. SULLIVAN

President American Sports Publishing Company; entered the publishing house of Frank Leslie in 1878, and has been connected continuously with the publishing business since then and also as athletic editor of various New York papers; was a competing athlete; one of the organizers of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States; has been actively on its board of governors since its organization until the present time, and President for two successive terms; has attended every championship meeting in America since 1879 and has officiated in some capacity in connection with American amateur championships track and field games for nearly twenty-five years; assistant American director Olympic Games, Paris, 1900; director Pan-American Exposition athletic department, 1901; chief department physical culture Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904; secretary American Committee Olympic Games, at Athens, 1906; honorary director of Athletics at Jamestown Exposition, 1907; secretary American Committee Olympic Games, at London, 1908; member of the Pastime A. C., New York; honorary member Missouri A. C., St. Louis; honorary member Olympic A. C., San Francisco; ex-president Pastime A. C., New Jersey A. C., Knickerbocker A. C.; president Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. for fifteen years; president Outdoor Recreation League; with Dr. Luther H. Gulick organized the Public Schools Athletic League of New York, and is now chairman of its games committee and member executive committee; was a pioneer in playground work and one of the organizers of the Outdoor Recreation League of New York; appointed by President Roosevelt as special commissioner to the Olympic Games at Athens, 1906, and decorated by King George I. of the Hellenes (Greece) for his services in connection with the Olympic Games; appointed special commissioner by President Roosevelt to the Olympic Games at London, 1908; appointed by Mayor McClellan, 1908, as member of the Board of Education of Greater New York.



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### JOHN B. FOSTER



Successor to the late Henry Chadwick ("Father of Base Ball") as editor of Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide; sporting editor of the New York Evening Telegram; has been in the newspaper business for many years and is recognized throughout America as a leading writer on the national game; a staunch supporter of organized base ball, his pen has always been used for the betterment of the game.

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### HARRY PHILIP BURCHELL



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Guide and also editor of  
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Former Young Men's Christian Association director; for many years an official of the Athletic League of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America; was connected with Dr. Luther H. Gulick in Young Men's Christian Association work for over twelve years; became identified with basket ball when it was in its infancy and has followed it since, being recognized as the leading exponent of the official rules; succeeded Dr. Gulick as editor of the Official Basket Ball

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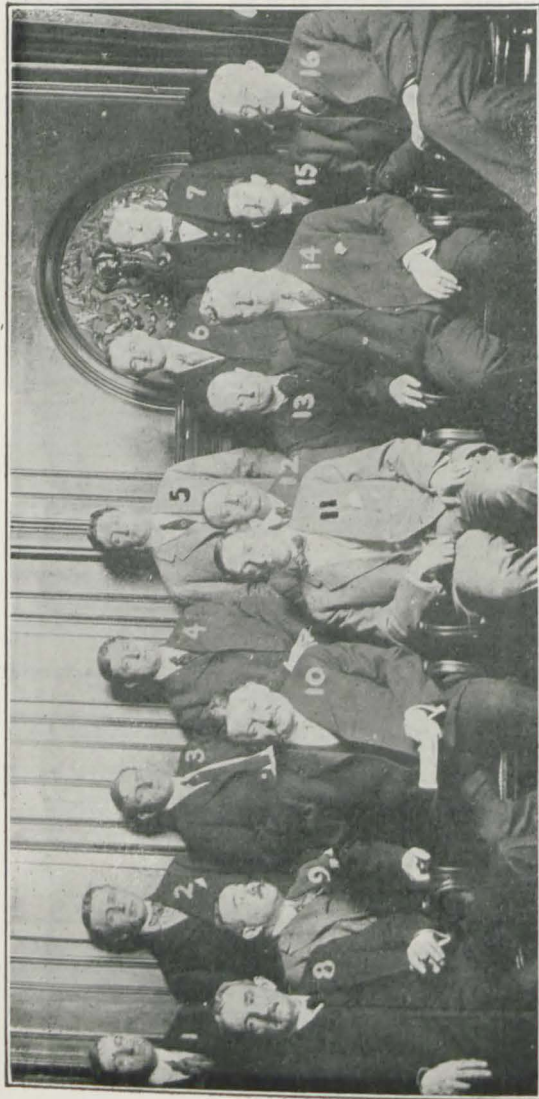
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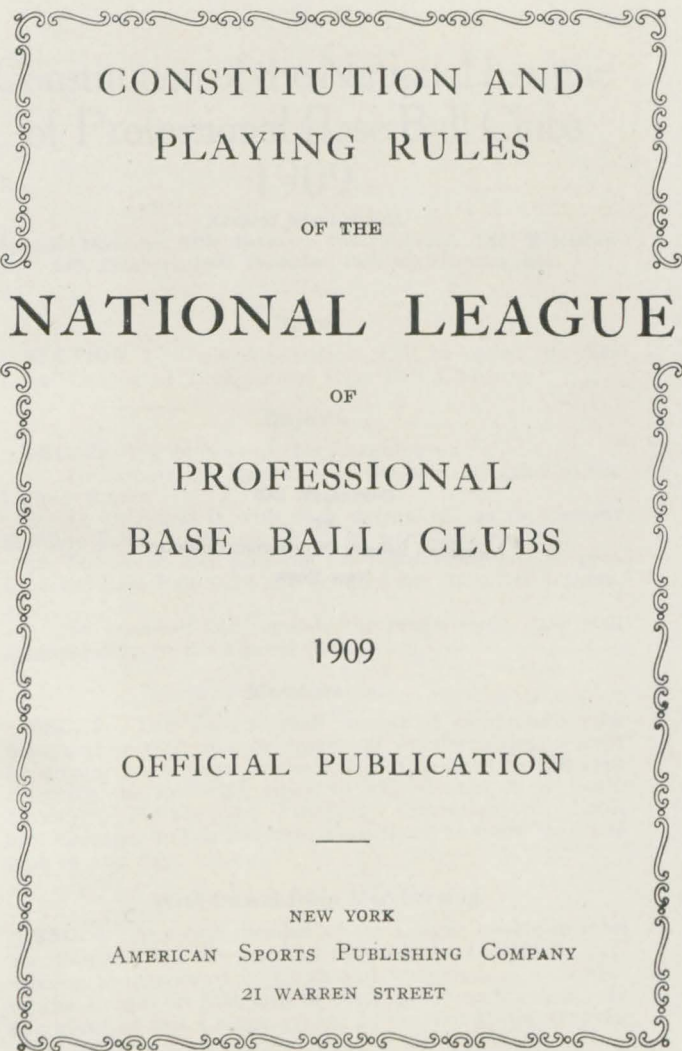
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## **Name.**

**SECTION 1.** This Association shall be called the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

## **Objects.**

**SEC. 2.** The objects of this League are:

1. To immortalize Base Ball as the national game of the United States.
2. To surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.
3. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional Base Ball clubs and professional Base Ball players, and
4. To establish and regulate the professional Base Ball championship of the United States.

## **Membership.**

**SEC. 3.** This League shall consist of eight clubs (the membership shall not be increased or diminished except by unanimous consent of the League), located in and representing the following cities, to wit: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, and in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

## **Withdrawal from Membership.**

**SEC. 4.** Any club member of the League unable to meet the obligations it has assumed may ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises as a member of the League in that city to some other corporation. In the event of this League giving its consent to the transfer

of membership from one company to another it must be understood that the new member shall assume with the franchise and rights of the retiring company all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by the retiring company. It must also be understood by the retiring and new company that the company retiring shall not be relieved or released from any contract or obligation entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the company accepting its membership, rights and franchises.

#### **Admission to Membership.**

**SEC. 5.** A company to be admitted to membership in this League must first deliver to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such company is regularly organized, chartered and officered, and is prepared to fully comply with the provisions of Section 4 of this Constitution. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

**SEC. 6.** The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

#### **In Regard to Vacancies.**

**SEC. 7.** In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applications for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

#### **Termination of Membership.**

**SEC. 8.** The membership of any club may be terminated:

1. By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened as provided in Section 4.
2. By failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

3. By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

4. By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.

5. By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failure to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

6. By disbandment of its organization or club team during the championship season.

7. By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

8. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

9. By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

#### **The Expulsion of Clubs.**

**SEC. 9.** To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe; and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if seven clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

#### **Dues and Assessments.**

**SEC. 10.** 1. Each club shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April of each year, the sum of \$100.00 as annual dues, and in addition thereto such other sums as from time to time may be assessed, the assessments to be levied against the various clubs in accordance with their standing in the championship race of the previous year, in the following manner: The club finishing first shall be



required to pay 20 per cent of the assessment; the club finishing second 18 per cent, the club finishing third 16 per cent, the club finishing fourth 14 per cent, the club finishing fifth 10 per cent, the club finishing sixth 8 per cent, and the clubs finishing seventh and eighth respectively, 7 per cent each. *Provided*, however, that when two or more clubs have finished a tie in the preceding year, the combined assessments against such clubs shall be equally *pro-rated* between them in accordance with the above percentages. These assessments shall be for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution and the Playing Rules of this League.

2. Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8 as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

#### Officers.

**SEC. 11.** At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President and a Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violation of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. He shall be the sole interpreter of the Playing Rules during the championship season. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as schedule committee, unless said meeting shall otherwise direct.

Should the office of the President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty days thereafter, elect a President. The office of President and Secretary-Treasurer may be held by the same person.

### The Secretary's Duties.

**SEC. 12.** The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, which shall be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in some bank of deposit to meet current expenses. He shall make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts; and he shall give such bond, with approval sureties, as the Board may require.

**SEC. 13.** The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true stenographic record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall also prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

**SEC. 14.** The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

**SEC. 15.** The President and Secretary shall receive such salaries as the Board by vote shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by them in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from them such guarantee for the faithful performance of their duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of their terms of office they shall account for, and deliver up to the Board, all the property and papers which may have come into their hands by virtue of their offices.

**SEC. 16.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and five other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot.

**SEC. 17.** In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member, at the time he was chosen, shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section II.

### Qualification of Directors.

**SEC. 18.** No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors; nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

**SEC. 19.** The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings upon the call of the President or two members of the Board, whenever urgent necessity may require.

**SEC. 20.** The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting; which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

**SEC. 21.** The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs, and business of the League, including the award of the championship and such other duties expressedly or impliedly conferred upon them by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the playing rules or other rules of discipline, unless the League by a three-fourths vote of its club membership, shall otherwise direct. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal to hear and determine disputes between clubs, complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, or complaint by the President of the League against a club for failure to comply with Constitution requirements, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or facts arising out of this Constitution, the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

**SEC. 22.** The Board shall adopt such regulations and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before them. Where such dispute is in relation to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or of the Playing



Rules, the complaint and accompanying proofs must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the Board, who shall send a copy of the same to the other clubs, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President of the Board shall in the first instance decide the dispute on its merits and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, either of which may within five days appeal from said decision to the full Board. Said decision, together with all other documents and proofs, shall thereupon be transmitted for a mail vote to the different members of the Board. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

**SEC. 23.** The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball and shall have power to require the club, to which such player or manager may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided, that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board. In all cases where charges are preferred by any regularly appointed League umpire against any player for violation of the Playing Rules or for conduct on the ball field prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, the President shall have the sole jurisdiction to pass upon said charges and inflict penalties, if any, subject only to the restriction that in no case where expulsion is fixed shall same be put into effect until ratified by the Board of Directors.

**SEC. 24.** In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the

Board of Directors, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

**SEC. 25.** The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club, except in cases of expulsion as provided in Section 38. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

**SEC. 26.** Any player under contract or reservation who may consider himself unjustly treated or wronged by his club shall have the right to submit his case to the President of the League, who shall, after soliciting evidence concerning the matter, present the same to the Board for hearing, recommendation or adjudication. The Board shall have authority to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by their findings and decisions, and they may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

#### **Individual Club Control.**

**SEC. 27.** Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, excepting as herein otherwise provided, or as the League may from time to time determine, and, in doing so, shall have the right to establish its own rules and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employees, and these powers shall not be

limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interest, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

#### **Punishment of Scandalous Conduct.**

**SEC. 28.** The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, where the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or National Game. Such fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted.

#### **Club Territorial Rights.**

**SEC. 29.** Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, without the consent of the local League club.

#### **Reservation of Players**

**SEC. 30.** Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 20th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players whose services it desires to retain for the ensuing season, and who are then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, namely, players who have been secured by purchase or draft under the National Agreement for future services shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to



him. The Secretary shall promulgate such lists on or before September 25th of each year.

#### Negotiating for Services.

**SEC. 31.** No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services.

#### Contracts.

**SEC. 32.** Contracts made between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within ten days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the President to all the clubs of the League.

**SEC. 33.** The League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the President and duly promulgated by him. Whenever a club serves notice on a player that his contract will be terminated in ten days, the President of the League shall be notified by wire and the President of the League shall telegraph the other seven clubs the information. A failure of any club to comply with this provision shall subject such club to a fine to be fixed by the Board of Directors; the fine to be not less than \$25.00; and in a case where a violation of this section results in the loss of the player to the National League it shall be at an amount commensurate with the player's ability. For a period of ten days after notice of release is served on a National League player any other club shall have the right to claim without cost the player released and to negotiate for his services, and the player shall be ineligible to contract with a club of another League; provided, however, that when a club desires to release a player out of the League, such club shall immediately notify the President of the League, who shall notify all other National League clubs of such desire. The failure of a club to notify the President of the League of its waiver within five (5) days during the championship season, if a player be under contract, or ten (10) days during the period between the close of one championship season and the beginning of another, will operate as a legal waiver. If, however, a club of this League, refused in writing, to waive claim, then the following rule shall apply: If the player sought to be released out of the

League is a purchased player or otherwise acquired save by draft, the President of the League shall fix the price to be paid by the club refusing to waive claim, with this proviso: that the amount so fixed shall not exceed \$1,500. If the player be a drafted player, then the draft price shall be paid. In cases where two or more clubs refuse to waive claim, the claim of the clubs shall be determined by lot by the President of the League. In no case, however, shall the club asking for the waiver have the privilege or right of retaining a player once that player is claimed under this constitutional provision. All refusals to waive must be followed by check for the amount fixed by the President. During the waiver periods above specified no club shall be permitted to send a player out of the League on the assumption that all clubs will waive claim. A failure to observe this rule will cause the offending club to be amenable to a penalty to be fixed by the Board of Directors in its discretion, and, furthermore, the offending club shall be ordered by the Board of Directors to pay to the club damaged by this breach of the Constitution the amount so sustained. Said fine and damages must be paid within ten days after once imposed. The following limitations shall apply to all waivers: (1) If waiver is secured between playing seasons it shall expire at the expiration of ten days from the beginning of the succeeding championship season. (2) If secured during the championship season, it shall expire at the expiration of thirty days from date when waiver is requested from League headquarters.

#### **Suspension and Expulsion of Players.**

**SEC. 34.** Any player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

**SEC. 35.** No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

### Effect of Club Disbandment.

**SEC. 36.** The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall revert to the League, and they shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

### Playing with Outside Clubs.

**SEC. 37.** No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

### Crookedness and its Penalties.

**SEC. 38.** Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

### Umpires.

**SEC. 39.** A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the President before the opening of the regular season.

1. Applicant for the position of umpire must state age, residence, experience, habits and such other qualifications as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the President, which must have the endorsement of those who from skilled and personal knowledge can recommend the applicant for the position.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the President shall make inquiries and inform himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

2. They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the President of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.



But at least ten per cent, of current salaries shall be withheld by the President until the termination of his contract for that season to secure such deductions for absences and the payment of such fines as may be lawfully imposed.

3. In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the President to provide a substitute to umpire such game; and in such case there shall be deducted from the next payment to the umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

4. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such umpire or substitute as the President shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of the League umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game each club captain shall then select one of the substitute players of the opposing club, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized umpires for that game.

5. It shall be the duty of umpires to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the President's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution, obey all orders of the President, assigning their services and wear such uniform on the playing field as he may designate.

#### **Supervision of Umpires.**

**SEC. 40.** All complaints against umpires shall be submitted in writing or by telegraph to the President, who shall take such steps as he may deem proper (governed by the gravity of the charges) to ascertain as to the competency of the umpire complained of and to verify, if possible, by his own personal observation as to his merits or demerits. If the complaint be for a wilful violation of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules or for any improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct while officiating as an umpire, and if upon investigation it be substantiated, the President shall have the right to fine, remove, suspend or expel the offender, as in his judgment the offense may justify.

### Committees.

**SEC. 41.** At each annual meeting of the League the President shall appoint a committee of three on Playing Rules, a committee of three on Schedule and a committee of three on Constitutional Amendments.

### The Championship.

**SEC. 42.** The Championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

**SEC. 43.** The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

**SEC. 44.** Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

**SEC. 45.** Each club shall play twenty-two or more championship games with every other club in the League. A tie game, or a game prevented by rain or other causes, shall be played off on the same ground on which scheduled during the same or any subsequent series, the date to be optional with the home club. Provided, that the date for playing off such postponed or tie game must be at once fixed by the home club; the visiting club and President of the League to be notified of such date before eight o'clock P. M., of day such postponement or tie occurs; and in event date for such play-off be fixed for the next day of the same series, the home club shall also notify the umpire or umpires then officiating in that city.

**SEC. 46.** Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45; and in all the details of such games, that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its par-

ticular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

#### **The Championship Schedule.**

**SEC. 47.** All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to an open date on the same ground; or (2) as provided in Section 45; or (3) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the League, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

#### **The Admission Fees and Receipts.**

**SEC. 48.** The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty (50) cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon,



the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five (25) cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated officials of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

#### **The Ball Park.**

**SEC. 49.** Each park shall be provided with a sufficient number of exits and entrances (not exceeding four) for the accommodation of the public, and a separate entrance shall be maintained for the convenience of the press representatives and those entitled to the courtesies of the grounds.

1. Additional entrances may be opened upon holidays, but for such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and their location.

2. Emergency gates may be opened at any time by consent of the visiting club, if occasion requires.

3. Each park shall also be provided with proper and suitable dressing room or rooms for visiting players, the same to be supplied with toilet conveniences, hot and cold water, and shower baths, and to contain twenty suitable lockers for such players. Such dressing rooms to be properly heated and cared for, and made subject to the control during the occupancy thereof of the players of the visiting club. The penalty for failure to provide and maintain such dressing rooms shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day of failure to provide the same according to this rule, the same to be assessed and collected by the Secretary of the League upon complaint of the visiting club.

4. A visiting club shall not be permitted to convey its players, to or from the grounds of any other club, in uniform unless special permission therefor has been first granted by the President of the League, or some great emergency arises to warrant it. A violation of this rule shall be punishable by the infliction of a fine of fifty dollars for each day the rule is violated.

### The Turnstile Count.

**SEC. 50.** The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh inning, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business tickets, with rain checks attached, which have been approved by the League and which can be readily counted. At the conclusion of each game the visiting club shall receive a copy of the ticket sale statement.

### Special Entrance.

**SEC. 51.** No person shall be admitted free to a championship game, except players and officers of contesting clubs, umpires, policemen in uniform, necessary employes of the home club, representatives of the press and such invited guests as the President of the home club may deem proper to recognize, all of whom must pass through a self-registering turnstile at the special entrance provided for the press, and said turnstile shall be subject to the same right of inspection by the visiting club that is provided in all other entrances.

1. It shall be the duty of the President of the League to inspect all ball parks from time to time, and to report to the Board of Directors any failure to comply with this or any other section of the Constitution.

### Stopping Play to Catch Trains.

**SEC. 52.** On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city in time, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled, upon proper notice by the visiting club, to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach next scheduled point in time. And

either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings on each side have been played, and the umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

#### Giving out Admission Checks.

**SEC. 53.** In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before completion of five innings, the home club may issue admission checks good for the next succeeding game. If such checks are so issued, the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if such checks are not issued the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

#### Forfeited Games.

**SEC. 54.** A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rules. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars as may be imposed by the Board of Directors after a hearing held within one week from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the captain or manager, or the person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within ten days after being imposed, the club and player cannot participate in a championship game.

#### Drawn Games.

**SEC. 55.** Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.



Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 45.

### **Winning the Pennant.**

**SEC. 56.** The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States, for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

### **Deciding the Championship.**

**SEC. 57.** The championship shall be decided in the following manner: Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with the date, the place where played, the name of the clubs and umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club,

according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statement so sent him, to the Board, which shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.
3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs, such games shall be counted to the following extent:

The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

#### Meetings.

**SEC. 58.** The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year at two o'clock P. M. in New York City. Adjourned meetings of the annual meeting may be held at other places, and at such times as shall be determined by resolution of the National League or its Board of Directors from time to time.

**SEC. 59.** Special meetings may be called by the President of the League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs, or a majority of the Board of Directors, at such times and places as they may from time to time determine.

#### Club Representation.

**SEC. 60.** At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meetings; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall, if re-

quested by any other club representative, present a certificate of their appointment duly attested by at least two officers of their club showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

#### **Executive Session.**

**SEC. 61.** This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives.

#### **Quorum.**

**SEC. 62.** A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When obtained it may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room, the appointment of doorkeepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

#### **Order of Business.**

**SEC. 63.** The following shall be the order of business unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Report of President.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Amendment of Constitution.
8. Adoption of Playing Rules.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment.

#### **Amendments.**

**SEC. 64.** (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 9, 38, 48 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League. (2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by unanimous vote at a League meeting.



A diagram showing a V-shaped notch cut into a board. The board has a total width of 17 inches. The notch is 4 inches wide at the top and 2 inches wide at the bottom. The depth of the notch is 6 inches. The diagram is labeled with dimensions: 4", 17", 2", 6", and 9".

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## Official Playing Rules Professional Base Ball Clubs

As adopted at the meeting of the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National League and the American League, held at National League Headquarters, New York City, March 2, 1904.

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Amendments indicated by *Italics*

### The Ball Ground.

**RULE 1.** The ball ground must be enclosed. To obviate the necessity for ground rules, the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base should be 235 feet and from home base to the grand stand 90 feet.

### To Lay Off the Field.

**RULE 2.** To lay off the lines defining the location of the several bases, the catcher's and the pitcher's position and to establish the boundaries required in playing the game of base ball, proceed as follows:

### Diamond or Infield.

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a straight line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as a center and 63.63945 feet as a radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H, and H F, which said lines shall be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

### The Catcher's Lines.

**RULE 3.** With F as a center and 10 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A, and continue same out from F A not less than 10 feet.

**The Foul Lines.**

**RULE 4.** From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect the lines L M and L O, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the ground, and said lines shall be clearly visible from any part of the diamond, and no wood or other hard substance shall be used in the construction of such lines.

**The Players' Lines.**

**RULE 5.** With F as center and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and F M at P and Q; then, with F as center again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue the same until they intersect at the points T and W.

**The Coachers' Lines.**

**RULE 6.** With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting the lines R W and S T at X and Y and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with the lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

**The Three-Foot Line.**

**RULE 7.** With F as a center and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting the line F G at 1, and from 1 to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with F G, and from thence back along the line G F to point 1.

**The Batsman's Lines.**

**RULE 8.** On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms six feet long and four feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their longest side being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being six inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the center of their length being on said diagonal.



### The Pitcher's Plate.

**RULE 9.** SECTION 1. With point F as center and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at line 4, and draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches, in which shall be located the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level with the surface of the field, and the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual.

### The Bases.

**RULE 10.** SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line F B  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches to the points X and Y, a straight line between which, 17 inches, will form the front of the home base or plate.

SEC. 2. Within the angles at G, I and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of such sides of which squares shall lie along the lines F G and G I, G I and I H, I H and H F, which squares shall be the location of the first, second and third bases respectively.

**RULE 11.** The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must each be of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with its surface.

**RULE 12.** The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H must each be a white canvas bag filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the points specified in Rule 10.

**RULE 13.** The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.

### The Ball.

**RULE 14.** SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball or the Reach American League Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. Two regulation balls of the make adopted by the league of which the contesting clubs are members, shall be delivered by the home club to the umpire at or before the hour for the commencement of a championship game. If the ball placed in play be batted or thrown out of the grounds or into one of the stands for spectators or in the judgment of the umpire, become unfit for play from any cause, the umpire shall at once deliver the alternate ball to the pitcher and another legal ball shall be supplied to him, so that he shall at all times have in his control one or more alternate balls. Provided, however, that all balls batted or thrown out of the ground or into a stand shall when returned to the field be given into the custody of the umpire immediately and become alternate balls and so long as he has in his possession two or more alternate balls, he shall not call for a new ball to replace one that has gone out of play. The alternate balls shall become the ball in play in the order in which they were delivered to the umpire.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the delivery to him of the alternate ball by the umpire, the pitcher shall take his position and on the call of "Play," by the umpire, it shall become the ball in play. Provided, however, that play shall not be resumed with the alternate ball when a fair batted ball or a ball thrown by a fielder goes out of the ground or into a stand for spectators until the base-runners have completed the circuit of the bases unless compelled to stop at second or third base in compliance with a ground rule.

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The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past thirty-two years and is used in all the League contests. It has also been adopted by the majority of other professional leagues and by practically all the colleges.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

### Discolored or Damaged Balls.

SEC. 4. In the event of a ball being intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise by any player, or otherwise damaged by any player, the umpire shall, upon appeal by the captain of the opposite side, forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball, as hereinbefore described, and impose a fine of \$5.00 on the offending player.

### Home Club to Provide Balls.

SEC. 5. In every game the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball shall be enclosed in a paper box, which must be sealed with the seal of the Secretary of the League and bear his certificate that he has examined, measured and weighed the ball contained therein and that it is of the required standard in all respects. The seal shall not be broken by the umpire except in the presence of the captains of the contesting teams after "Play" has been called.

### Reserve Balls on Field.

SEC. 6. The home club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field during each championship game, ready for use on the call of the umpire.

### The Bat.

**RULE 15.** The bat must be round, not over two and three-fourth inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length and entirely of hardwood, except that for a distance of 18 inches from the end, twine may be wound around or a granulated substance applied to the handle.

### Number of Players in a Game.

**RULE 16.** The players of each club, actively engaged in a game at one time, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain; and in no case shall more or less than nine men be allowed to play on a side in a game.

### Positions of the Players.

**RULE 17.** The players may be stationed at any points of the field their captain may elect, regardless of their respective positions, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to



the bat, must take his position as defined in Rules 9 and 30; and the catcher must be within the lines of his position as defined in Rule 3 and within 10 feet of home base, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat.

#### Must Not Mingle With Spectators.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators.

#### Uniforms of Players.

**RULE 19.** Every club shall adopt two uniforms for its players, one to be worn in games at home and the other in games abroad, and the suits of each of the uniforms of a team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoe other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in a game.

#### Size and Weight of Gloves.

The catcher or first baseman may wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. Every other player is restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over 10 ounces and measuring not over 14 inches around the palm.

#### Players' Benches.

**RULE 21.** SECTION I. Players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting team and the other for the exclusive use of the home team. Each bench must be covered with a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left under the roof for ventilation. All players and substitutes of the side at bat must be seated on their team's bench, except the batsman, baserunners and such as are legally assigned to coach baserunners. Under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person except the players and substitutes in uniform and the manager of the team entitled to its exclusive use to be seated on a bench.

### Penalty for Violation.

**SEC. 2.** Whenever the umpire observes a violation of the preceding section, he shall immediately order such player or players as have disregarded it to be seated. If the order be not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order be not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to forthwith leave the playing field.

### A Regulation Game.

**RULE 22.** Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset and shall continue until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate:

**SECTION 1.** If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings.

**SEC. 2.** If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out.

**SEC. 3.** If the game be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons or players in peril.

### Extra-Inning Games.

**RULE 23.** If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate.

### Drawn Games.

**RULE 24.** A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire if the score is equal on the last even inning played when he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, after five or more equal innings have been played by each team. But if the side that went second to bat is at the bat when the game is terminated, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal inning.

**Called Games.**

**RULE 25.** If the umpire calls a game in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, except that if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of innings, or before the completion of the unfinished inning, at least one run more than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs each team has made.

**Forfeited Games.**

**RULE 26.** A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, in the following cases:

**SECTION 1.** If the team of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuse to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned, within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game, be unavoidable.

**SEC. 2.** If, after the game has begun, one side refuse to continue to play, unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

**SEC. 3.** If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

**SEC. 4.** If a team employ tactics palpably designed to delay the game.

**SEC. 5.** If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game be wilfully and persistently violated.

**SEC. 6.** If the order for the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 21, 58 and 64, be not obeyed within one minute.

**SEC. 7.** If, because of the removal of players from the game by the umpire, or for any cause, there be less than nine players on either team.

**SEC. 8.** If, when two games are scheduled to be played in one afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of the completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

**SEC. 9.** In case the umpire declare the game forfeited, he shall transmit a written report thereof to the president



of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the president shall not affect the validity of his award of the game by forfeiture.

#### No Game.

**RULE 27.** "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Sec. 3, before five innings are completed by each team. Provided, however, that if the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in five completed innings of a game so terminated, the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greater number of runs, and it shall count as a legal game in the championship record.

#### Substitutes.

**RULE 28.** SECTION 1. Each side shall be required to have present on the field during a championship game a sufficient number of substitute players in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team-mates, to carry out the provisions of this code which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any inning of the game.

SEC. 2. Any such substitute may at any stage of the game take the place of a player whose name is in his team's batting order, but the player whom he succeeds shall not thereafter participate in that game.

SEC. 3. A base-runner shall not have another player whose name appears in the batting order of his team run for him except by the consent of the captain of the other team.

#### Choice of Innings—Fitness of Field for Play.

**RULE 29.** The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after a rain; but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain, and when time is so called the ground-keeper and sufficient assistants shall be under the control of the umpire for the purpose of putting the ground in proper shape for play, under penalty of forfeiture of the game by the home team.

## THE PITCHING RULES.

### Delivery of the Ball to the Bat.

- RULE 30.** Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

### A Fairly Delivered Ball.

- RULE 31.** A fairly delivered ball is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that passes over any portion of the home base, before touching the ground, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder. For every such fairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one strike.

### An Unfairly Delivered Ball.

- RULE 32.** An unfairly delivered ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that does not pass over any portion of the home base between the batsman's shoulder and knees, or that touches the ground before passing home base, unless struck at by the batsman. For every unfairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one ball.

### Delaying the Game.

- RULE 33.** **SECTION 1.** If, after the batsman be standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, the ball be thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher when in the catcher's lines and within 10 feet of the home base (except in an attempt to retire a base runner), each ball so thrown shall be called a ball.

**SEC. 2.** The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman for a longer period than 20 seconds, excepting that at the commencement of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, the pitcher may occupy one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to the catcher or an infielder, during which time play shall be suspended.

*Sec. 3. In event of the pitcher being taken from the game by either manager or captain, the player substituted for him shall continue to pitch until the batsman then at bat has either been put out or has reached first base.*

### Balking.

A balk shall be:

**RULE 34.** SECTION I. Any motion made by the pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, or to throw to first base when occupied by a base runner without completing the throw.

SEC. 2. Throwing the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base runner without stepping directly toward such base in the act of making such throw.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while either foot is back of the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman.

SEC. 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined by Rule 30.

SEC. 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to unnecessarily delay the game.

SEC. 7. Making any motion to pitch while standing in his position without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 8. Making any motion of the arm, shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher shall fail to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule, the umpire shall call a "balk."

### Dead Ball.

A dead ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher, not struck at by the batsman, that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while he is standing in his position, or that before passing or getting beyond the control of the catcher touches any part of the clothing or person of the umpire while he is on foul ground.

### Ball Not in Play.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught, dead ball, *interference with the fielder or batsman*, or a fair hit ball touching a base runner, the ball shall not be considered in play



until it be held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called "Play."

#### Block Balls.

**RULE 37.** SECTION 1. A block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and base runners may run the bases without liability to be put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher in his position.

SEC. 3. If the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "Time" and require each base runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

#### THE BATTING RULES.

##### The Batsman's Position.

**RULE 38.** Each player of the side at bat shall become the batsman and must take his position within the batsman's lines (as defined in Rule 8) in the order that his name appears in his team's batting list.

##### The Order of Batting.

**RULE 39.** Section 1. The batting order of each team must be delivered before the game by its captain to the umpire, who shall submit it to the inspection of the captain of the other side. The batting order delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game unless a player be substituted for another, in which case the substitute must take the place in the batting order of the retired player.

Sec. 2. *When the umpire announces the pitcher prior to commencement of game, the player announced must pitch until the first batsman has either been put out or has reached first base.*

##### The First Batsman in an Inning.

**RULE 40.** After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who completed his "time at bat" in the preceding inning.

### Players Belong on Bench.

**RULE 41.** When a side goes to the bat its players must immediately seat themselves on the bench assigned to them as defined in Rule 21, and remain there until their side is put out, except when called to the bat or to act as coaches or substitute base runners.

### Reserved for Umpire, Catcher and Batsman.

**RULE 42.** No player of the side "at bat," except the batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space back of the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the pitcher or catcher, or passing between them while standing in their positions.

### Fielder Has Right of Way.

**RULE 43.** The players of the side at bat must speedily abandon their bench and hasten to another part of the field when by remaining upon or near it they or any of them would interfere with a fielder in an attempt to catch or handle a thrown or a batted ball.

### A Fair Hit.

**RULE 44.** A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base or between home and third base or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base or that, *while on or over fair ground*, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

### A Foul Hit.

**RULE 45.** A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base or, *while on or over foul ground*, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

**A Foul Tip.**

**RULE 46.** A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

**A Bunt Hit.**

**RULE 47.** A bunt hit is a legally batted ball, not swung at, but met with the bat and tapped slowly within the infield by the batsman. If the attempt to bunt result in a foul not legally caught, a strike shall be called by the umpire.

**Balls Batted Outside the Ground.**

**RULE 48.** **SECTION 1.** When a batted ball passes outside the ground or into a stand the umpire shall decide it fair or foul according to where it disappears from the umpire's view.

**SEC. 2.** A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into a stand shall entitle the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, in which case the batsman shall be entitled to two bases only. The point at which a fence or stand is less than 235 feet from the home base shall be plainly indicated by a white or black sign or mark for the umpire's guidance.

**Strikes.**

A strike is:

**RULE 49.** **SECTION 1.** A pitched ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or,  
**SEC. 2.** A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher at which the batsman does not strike.

**SEC. 3.** A foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes.

**SEC. 4.** An attempt to bunt which results in a foul not legally caught.

**SEC. 5.** A pitched ball, at which the batsman strikes but misses and which touches any part of his person.

**SEC. 6.** A foul tip, held by the catcher, while standing within the lines of his position.

**Foul Strike.**

**RULE 50.** A "Foul Strike" is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet is upon the ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.



### When Batsman is Out.

The batsman is out:

#### RULE 51.

SECTION 1. If he fail to take his position at the bat in the order in which his name appears on the batting list unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman replace him before *he become a base runner*, in which case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman. But only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman. Provided, this rule shall not be enforced unless the out be declared before the ball be delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should the batsman declared out under this section be the third hand out and his side be thereby put out, the proper batsman in the next inning shall be the player who would have come to bat had the players been put out by ordinary play in the preceding inning.

SEC. 2. If he fail to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he make a foul hit other than a foul tip, as defined in Rule 46, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or strike some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he make a foul strike, as defined in Rule 50.

SEC. 5. If he attempt to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player.

SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base runner, *the third strike* be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any part of the batsman's person, in which case base runners occupying bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5.

SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it an infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Sections 4 or 5 of Rule 49.

SEC. 10. If he steps from one batsman's box to the other after the pitcher has taken his position.

## BASE RUNNING RULES.

### Legal Order of Bases.

**RULE 52.** The Base Runner must touch each base in legal order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return while the ball is in play, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He can only acquire the right to a base by touching it, before having been put out, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base runner. However, no base runner shall score a run to count in the game ahead of the base runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base runner who has not been put out in that inning.

### When the Batsman Becomes a Base-Runner.

The batsman becomes a base runner:

**RULE 53.** SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after "Four Balls" have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after "Three Strikes" have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly make no effort to get out of the way of the pitched ball.

SEC. 5. If the catcher interfere with him in or prevent him from striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 6. If a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base runner on fair ground.

### Entitled to Bases.

**RULE 54.** The base runner shall be entitled, without liability to be put out, to advance a base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while the batsman, he becomes a base runner by reason of "four balls" or for being hit by a pitched ball, or for being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards to a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit by a pitched ball, or being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball and the base runner be thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire call a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher and touch the umpire or any fence or building within ninety (90) feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, unless the latter have the ball in his hand ready to touch the base runner.

SEC. 6. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from its proper place on his person.

### Returning to Bases.

**RULE 55.** The base runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares any foul not legally caught.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares a foul strike.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw or the umpire be struck by a ball thrown by the catcher or other fielder to intercept a base runner.

SEC. 5. If a pitched ball at which the batsman strikes but misses, touch any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. In any and all of these cases the base runner is not required to touch the intervening bases in returning to the base he is legally entitled to.

### When Base Runners are Out.

The base runner is out:

**RULE 56.** SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while the batsman, the third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground or any object other than a fielder; pro-



vided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base runner touch first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he run outside the three foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless he do so to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he run more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder. But in case a fielder be occupying a base runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base runner shall run out of direct line to the next base and behind said fielder and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fail to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or in any way obstruct a fielder in attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interfere with a thrown ball; provided, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base runner come in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base runner out for coming in contact with a fielder other than the one the umpire determines to be entitled to field such batted ball.

SEC. 9. If at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touching the base he is entitled to occupy; provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base runner deliberately knock it out of his hand.

SEC. 10. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46) be legally caught by a fielder, such ball be legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base runner when such ball was batted, or the base runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouch such base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; provided, that the base runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base, or touch the base runner out with it; but if the base runner, in attempting to reach a base, detach it from its fastening before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases be occupied, any base runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, and may be put out at the next base in the same manner as in running to first base, or by being touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder at any time before any base runner following him in the batting order be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the batsman to be an in-field fly.

SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base runner, but no run shall be scored or any other base runner put out until the umpire puts the ball back into play.

SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; provided, that the base runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base runner with it.

SEC. 15. If with one or no one out and a base runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate.

SEC. 16. If he pass a base runner who is caught between two bases, he shall be declared out immediately upon passing the preceding base runner.

#### Overrunning First Base.

SEC. 17. The base runner in running to first base may overrun said base after touching it in passing without incurring liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, after overrunning first base, he turn in the direction of or attempt to run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit such exemption from liability to be put out.

SEC. 18. If, before two hands are out and while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed near that base shall run in the direction of home base on or near the base line while a fielder is making or trying to make a play on a batted ball not caught on the fly, or on a thrown ball, and thereby draws a throw to home base, the base runner entitled to third base shall be declared out by the umpire for the coacher's interference with and prevention of the legitimate play.

SEC. 19. If one or more members of the team at bat stand or collect at or around a base for which a base runner is trying, thereby confusing the fielding side and adding to the difficulty of making such play, the base runner shall be declared out for the interference of his team mate or team mates.

SEC. 20. If he touch home base before a base runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base runner, lose his right to third base.

#### When Umpire Shall Declare an Out.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or  
**RULE 57.** base runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player be put out in accordance with any of these rules, except Sections 13 and 17 of Rule 56.

#### Coaching Rules.

The coacher shall be restricted to coaching the base runner only, and shall not address remarks except to the base runner, and then only in words of assistance and direction in run-



ning bases. He shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations, and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators. Not more than two coaches, who must be players in the uniform of the team at bat, shall be allowed to occupy the space between the players' and the coaches' lines, one near first and the other near third base, to coach base runners. If there be more than the legal number of coaches or this rule be violated in any respect the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offense, and thereupon the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coaches to the bench, and if his order be not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player, and upon a repetition of the offense, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

#### **The Scoring of Runs.**

One run shall be scored every time a  
**RULE 59.** base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. A force-out can be made only when a base runner legally loses the right to the base he occupies and is thereby obliged to advance.

#### **UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.**

##### **Power to Enforce Decisions.**

The umpire is the representative of the  
**RULE 60.** League and as such is authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. He shall have the power to order a player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in his judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed.

There shall be no appeal from any de-  
**RULE 61.** cision of the umpire on the ground that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a base runner safe or out, a pitched ball a strike or ball, or on any other play involving accuracy of judgment, and no decision ren-

dered by him shall be reversed, except that he be convinced that it is in violation of one of these rules. The captain shall alone have the right to protest against a decision and seek its reversal on a claim that it is in conflict with a section of these rules.

#### Must Not Question Decisions.

- RULE 62.** Under no circumstances shall a captain or player dispute the accuracy of the umpire's judgment and decision on a play.

#### Clubs Can Not Change Umpire.

- RULE 63.** The umpire can not be changed during a championship game by the consent of the contesting clubs unless the official in charge of the field be incapacitated from service by injury or illness.

#### Penalties for Violations of the Rules.

- RULE 64.** In all cases of violation of these rules, by either player or manager, the penalty shall be prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds, followed by a period of such suspension from actual service in the club as the President of the League may fix. *In the event of removal of player or manager by the umpire, he shall go direct to the club house and remain there during progress of the game, or leave the grounds; and a failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the umpire. [This rule shall be mandatory in the major leagues, but in minor leagues and in amateur contests a fining system may be substituted.]*

#### Umpire to Report Violations of the Rules.

- RULE 65.** The umpire shall within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the president a report of the penalty inflicted and the cause therefor.

- RULE 66.** Immediately upon being informed by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the president shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member; and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days after notice, he shall be debarred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine be paid.

**RULE 67.** When the offense of the player debarred from the game be of a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall within four hours thereafter forward to the president of the League full particulars.

#### Warning to Captains.

The umpire shall notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be strictly and impartially enforced, and warn them that failure on their part to co-operate in such enforcement will result in offenders being fined, and, if necessary to preserve discipline, debarred from the game.

#### On Ground Rules.

**RULE 69.** Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules, and if there be he shall acquaint himself with them, advise the captain of the visiting team of their scope and see that each is duly enforced, provided that it does not conflict with any of these rules, *and are acceptable to the captain of the visiting team. If the latter object to a proposed ground rule, the umpire shall have authority to adopt or reject it.*

#### Official Announcements.

The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination.

#### Suspension of Play.

The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes:

1. If rain fall so heavily as to cause the spectators on the open field and open stands to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

2. In case of an accident which incapacitates him or a player from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated



the rules, or in case of fire, panic or other extraordinary circumstances.

#### Call of Time.

**RULE 72.** In suspending play from any legal cause the umpire shall call "Time"; when he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball be held by the pitcher while standing in his position.

#### Decisions on Balls and Strikes.

**RULE 73.** The umpire shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range as defined in Rule 31, whether struck at or not by the batsman; or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher standing within the lines of his position, within 10 feet of the home base; or which, after being struck at and not hit, strike the person of the batsman; or when the ball be bunted foul by the batsman; or any foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes, provided, however, that a pitched ball shall not be called or counted a "ball" or "strike" by the umpire until it has passed the home plate.

**RULE 74.** If but one umpire be assigned, his duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points, and he shall be permitted to take his stand in any part of the field that in his opinion will best enable him to discharge his duties.

#### Field Rules.

**RULE 75.** No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game except the players in uniform, the manager of each side, the umpire, such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such watchmen of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

**RULE 76.** No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during a game except in reply to a request for information about the progress or state of the game.

**RULE 77.** Every club shall furnish sufficient police force to preserve order upon its own grounds, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play until the field be cleared. If the field be not cleared within 15 minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

#### General Definitions.

**RULE 78.** "Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game or to resume it after its suspension.

**RULE 79.** "Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day.

**RULE 80.** "Game" is the announcement of the umpire that the game is terminated.

**RULE 81.** "An inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game and is completed when three of such players have been legally put out.

**RULE 82.** "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner. But a time at bat shall not be charged against a batsman who is awarded first base by the umpire for being hit by a pitched ball, or on called balls, or when he makes a sacrifice hit, or for interference by the catcher.

**RULE 83.** "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

#### THE SCORING RULES.

**RULE 84.** To promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions are given and suggestions and definitions made for the guidance of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

### The Batsman's Record.

**RULE 85.** SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the first base hits, if any, made by each player.

### The Scoring of Base Hits.

SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases:  
When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders.

When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player can not recover himself in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to force out another base runner.

When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base runner.

In all cases where a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, unless batted by himself, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 53, Section 6.

In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base runner is forced out by the play.

### Sacrifice Hits.

SEC. 5. *Sacrifice hits shall be placed in the Summary.*

A sacrifice hit shall be credited to the batsman who when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in the batsman being put out before reaching first, or would so result if it were handled without error.

A sacrifice hit shall also be credited to a batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, hits a fly ball that is caught but results in a run being scored, or would in the judgment of the scorer, so result if caught.



### Fielding Records.

SEC. 6. The number of opponents, if any, put out by each player shall be set down in the *fourth* column. Where the batsman is given out by the umpire for a foul strike, or fails to bat in proper order, *or is declared out on third bunt strike*, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In cases of the base runner being declared "out" for interference, running out of line, or on an infield fly, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base runner or the announcement of the umpire.

SEC. 7. The number of times, if any, each player assists in putting out an opponent shall be set down in the *fifth* column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in aiding in a run out or any other play of the kind, except the one who completes it.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fail, through no fault of the assisting player.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by a team-mate.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base runner being called "out" for interference or for running out of line.

*A double play shall mean any two continuous put-outs that take place between the time the ball leaves the pitcher's hands until it is returned to him again standing in the pitcher's box.*

### Errors.

SEC. 8. An error shall be given in the *sixth* column for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of the batsman or allows a base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out. *But a base on balls, a base awarded to a batsman by being struck by a pitched ball, an illegal pitch, a balk, a passed ball or wild pitch, unless such wild pitch or passed ball be on the third strike and allow the batter to reach first base, shall not be included in the sixth column. In case of a wild pitch or a passed ball allowing the batter to reach*

*first base, the pitcher or the catcher, as the case may be, shall be charged with an error.*

An error shall not be charged against the catcher for a wild throw in an attempt to prevent a stolen base, unless the base runner advance an extra base because of the error.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw be so wild that an additional base be gained.

In case a base runner advance a base through the failure of a baseman to stop or try to stop a ball accurately thrown to his base, *the latter* shall be charged with an error and not the player who made such throw, provided there *was* occasion for it. If such throw be made to second base the scorer shall determine whether the second baseman or shortstop shall be charged with an error.

*In event of a fielder dropping a fly but recovering the ball in time to force a runner at another base, he shall be exempted from an error, the play being scored as a "force-out."*

#### Stolen Bases.

SEC. 9. A stolen base shall be credited to the base runner whenever he advances a base unaided by a base hit, a put-out, a fielding or a battery error, *subject to the following exceptions:*

*In event of a double steal being attempted from bases one and two to bases two and three, where either is thrown out, the other shall not be credited with a stolen base.*

*In event of a base runner being touched out after sliding over a base, he shall not be regarded as having stolen the base in question.*

*In event of a base runner making his start to steal a base prior to a battery error, he shall be credited with a stolen base.*

*In event of a palpable muff of a ball thrown by the catcher, when the base runner is clearly blocked, the infielder making the muff shall be charged with an error and the base runner shall not be credited with a stolen base.*

#### The Summary.

The Summary shall contain:

#### RULE 86.

SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game and the total runs of each side in the game.

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*Sec. 3. The number of sacrifice hits, if any, made by each player.*

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*Sec. 6. The number of three-base hits, if any, made by each player.*

*Sec. 7. The number of home runs, if any, made by each player.*

*Sec. 8. The number of double and triple plays, if any, made by each club and the players *participating* in same.*

*Sec. 9. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.*

*Sec. 10. The number of base hits, if any, made off each pitcher and the number legal at bats scored against each pitcher.*

*Sec. 11. The number of times, if any, the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.*

*Sec. 12. The number of times, if any, the pitcher gives bases on balls.*

*Sec. 13. The number of wild pitches, if any, charged against the pitcher.*

*Sec. 14. The number of times, if any, the pitcher hits a batsman with a pitched ball, the name or names of the batsman or batsmen so hit to be given.*

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# Annual Meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

Held at Waldorf-Astoria, New York City,  
December 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1908.

FIRST DAY, Tuesday, December 8, 1908.

Meeting called to order at 2 P. M.

HARRY C. PULLIAM, President, in chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary; T. M. JAMES, Stenographer.

Present:

GEORGE B. DOVEY, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, HENRY MEDICUS and C. H. EBBETS, Jr., representing the Brooklyn Ball Club.

CHARLES W. MURPHY, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN and MAX C. FLEISCHMANN, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

W. J. SHETTSLINE, D. LEROY REEVES, JAMES POTTER, ANDREW STEVENSON and I. HYNEMAN, representing the Philadelphia Ball Company.

BARNEY DREYFUSS and WILL LOCKE, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

M. S. ROBISON, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis.

The Board of Directors submitted its report, which was approved.

The President read his Annual Report.

Mr. Harry C. Pulliam was re-elected as President of the League.

Mr. John A. Heydler was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Messrs. Dreyfuss, Ebbets, Herrmann, Murphy and Dovey were elected to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Recess until 2 P. M., December 9.

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## SECOND DAY, Wednesday, December 9, 1908.

League called to order 2:30 P. M.

All clubs but New York represented.

The following Resolution, drawn by Messrs. Ebbets, Murphy and Dovey, was adopted and ordered engrossed:

*"Resolved*, that in the recent death of HENRY CHADWICK, at Brooklyn, professional base ball lost an honored and true friend, who had dedicated his long, busy and useful life to the promotion, improvement and fostering the national game, and

*"Whereas*, the deceased being known as the "Father of Base Ball," as well as an honorary member of the National League, those present at this meeting desire to pay tribute to his memory and to send expression of condolence to those nearest and dearest to *Mr. Chadwick*; and

*"Whereas*, he did much to uplift and to use his facile pen to keep the sport clean and pure, we each feel that in his death we have sustained a distinct personal loss, now, therefore, be it

*"Resolved*, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of our meeting and a copy thereof forwarded to the widow and other relatives of the deceased."

Mr. James A. Hart, honorary member, addressed the League.

Messrs. Powers, O'Brien and Killilea, representing the Eastern League and American Association, appeared before the League.

Recess until 2 P. M., December 10.



THIRD DAY, Thursday, December 10, 1908.

League called to order at 2 P. M.

All clubs represented but New York.

Messrs. Ryder and Lanigan, representing the Sporting Writers' Association of America, appeared before the League.

An appropriation was voted to complete the fund for the erection of a monument to Henry Chadwick and to care for his grave for all time.

Messrs. Herrmann, Dreyfuss and Potter presented the following Resolution on the death of Frank DeHass Robison, which was adopted and ordered engrossed:

Death has invaded our own household. It is only a short time ago since we had in our midst at these meetings a gentleman who had been identified with the National League for many years; whose counsel and advice was at all times for the best interests of all. Frank DeHass Robison is with us no more. The death summons came suddenly. We have lost not only a careful adviser and counselor, but a lovable companion and friend. To the bereaved family the National League desires to express its deepest sympathy, and it is for that reason we recommend that this little expression on the part of the League be appropriately inscribed on our records; that it be engrossed, and the President of the League be directed to transmit the same to the family of the deceased.

The following committees were appointed:

Schedule—Messrs. Ebbets, Dreyfuss, Pulliam.

Constitution—Messrs. Herrmann, Dovey, Locke.

Playing Rules—Messrs. Pulliam, Murray, Heydler.

Uniform Tickets of Admission—Messrs. Ebbets, Knowles, Locke.

Telegraph Contracts—Messrs. Ebbets, Locke, Heydler.

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The League had the pleasure of a visit from the delegates of the American League, also in session in New York City. Short addresses in spirit of friendliness and co-operation were made by President Johnson and Messrs. Comiskey, Shibe, Noyes, Navin, McBreen, Farrell, Bruce, Kilfoyl and Hedges, of the American League, and responded to by the President and all club representatives of the National League.

The League went into executive session.

Recess until 12 o'clock noon, December 11.

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#### FOURTH DAY, Friday, December 11, 1908.

Called to order at 12 o'clock.

All clubs represented.

The League continued in executive session, at close of which a statement was issued giving the action taken on President Pulliam's report of the attempted bribery of a League umpire.

Adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

After adjournment a meeting of the Board of Directors was held.

## Reconvened Annual Meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

Held at Auditorium Annex, Chicago,  
February 16, 17 and 18, 1909.

President H. C. PULLIAM and Mr. GEO. B. DOVEY in chair;  
JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary; T. M. JAMES, stenographer.  
Present:

GEO. B. DOVEY, representing the Boston National League  
Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS and H. W. MEDICUS, representing  
the Brooklyn Ball Club.

CHARLES W. MURPHY, representing the Chicago League  
Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN and THOS. J. LOGAN, representing  
the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

WM. J. SHETTSLINE, representing the Philadelphia Ball  
Company.

WILL LOCKE, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Com-  
pany.

M. S. ROBISON, representing the American Base Ball and  
Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis.

Mr. Ebbets, from Committee on Schedule, presented the  
1909 Playing Schedule, which was unanimously adopted.  
The National Agreement, as amended, was ratified.

All papers in the case of the attempted umpire bribery  
were referred to the National Commission.

President Johnson of the American League, by invita-  
tion, attended the meeting.

President Pulliam's request for extended leave of  
absence to recover his health was granted, Secretary J. A.  
Heydler being appointed acting president, with representa-  
tion on National Commission.



The amended Playing Rules, as adopted by the Joint Rules Committee, were presented.

The Committee on Chadwick Memorial, through Chairman Ebbets, made full report of the plans for erection of the monument, as well as for the unveiling exercises April 20, 1909.

At 6 P. M., Thursday, February 18, the League adjourned subject to call of chair.

IN MEMORIAM

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Frank Dehass Robison

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND CLUB

1887 - 1899

PRESIDENT ST. LOUIS CLUB

1900 - 1907

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Died September 25, 1908

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"PEACE TO HIS ASHES"

IN MEMORIAM

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Henry Chadwick

"FATHER OF BASE BALL"

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Died April 20, 1908

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"HE BUILT BETTER THAN  
HE KNEW"



## Officers and Members

The following is an official list of the Officers of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and Officers of Clubs members thereof for the season of 1909:

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*Secretary-Treasurer.*

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AUGUST HERRMANN,	CHARLES W. MURPHY,
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## AMERICAN BASE BALL AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITION COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS, MO.

M. S. ROBISON, President and Treasurer.

## Club Lists of Players

Who Participated in the National League Championship Campaign of 1908.

### BOSTON.

Manager—Joseph J. Kelley.

Pitchers—Iring M. Young, Frank Pfeffer, Thos. McCarthy, Harley E. Young, V. A. Lindaman, Aug. Dorner, P. J. Flaherty, Geo. C. Ferguson, J. J. Boutes, Thos. Tuckey, W. H. Chappelle, Mahoney, A. A. Mattern. Catchers—James C. Ball, F. Bowerman, Harry Smith, Geo. F. Graham. Infielders—Dan McGann, C. Ritchey, Wm. Dahlen, W. J. Sweeney, John J. Hannifin, Fred B. Stem, W. W. Thomas. Outfielders—John Bates, Geo. Browne, C. Beaumont, Joe Kelley, Beals Becker, Herbert Moran.

### BROOKLYN.

Manager—P. J. Donovan.

Pitchers—H. McIntire, I. K. Wilhelm, N. Rucker, J. W. Pastorius, Geo. G. Bell, J. S. Holmes, A. Kruger, P. Finlayson. Catchers—Wm. Bergen, Louis Ritter, A. J. Farmer, Joseph Dunn. Infielders—Henry Pattee, T. J. Jordan, Chas. A. Alpermann, Philip Lewis, Thos. P. Sheehan, Thos. D. McMillan, S. Murch. Outfielders—Wm. Maloney, H. Lumley, John E. Hummel, A. W. Burch, Thos. Catterson.

### CHICAGO.

Manager—Frank Chance.

Pitchers—Carl Lundgren, Orval Overall, Mordecai Brown, Ed Reulbach, Jack Pfiester, C. C. Fraser, Wm. F. Mack, Sponsberg, Floyd M. Kroh, Andrew Coakley. Catchers—John Kling, P. J. Moran, W. R. Marshall, A. V. Campbell. Infielders—Frank Chance, H. Zimmerman, Harry Steinfeldt, John J. Evers, Joe Tinker, Arthur Hof-



man, Geo. Howard. Outfielders—James Slagle, James Sheckard, Frank Schulte, John F. Hayden, Blaine Durbin.

### CINCINNATI.

Manager—John Ganzel.

Pitchers—Thos. McCarthy, Bob Ewing, Wm. J. Campbell, R. Spade, John A. Dubuc, John S. Doscher, J. P. Volz, J. A. Rowan, Martin O'Toole, R. A. Savidge, H. S. Sincock, Wm. L. Tozer, Jake Weimer, Andrew Coakley, Chas. Rhodes. Catchers—Geo. Schlei, John B. McLean, W. C. Pearce, Jr. Infielders—M. H. Huggins, John Lobert, John Ganzel, H. H. Mowrey, R. E. Hulswitt, R. C. Hoblitzell, R. J. Egan, David L. Brain. Outfielders—M. R. Mitchell, Geo. H. Paskert, John F. Kane, Robert J. Coulson, T. F. Daley, R. H. Bescher, Harry Bayless, Wm. A. McGilvray.

### NEW YORK.

Manager—John J. McGraw.

Pitchers—R. W. Marquard, Louis Durham, Roy Beecher, Christopher Mathewson, Leon Ames, Geo. R. Wiltse, Luther Taylor, Joe McGinnity, W. J. Malarkey, Otis Crandall. Catchers—F. C. Snodgrass, Arthur E. Wilson, Roger Bresnahan, Thos. Needham. Infielders—John J. Hannifin, David L. Brain, S. Strang, Fred Tenney, Arthur Deylin, Lawrence Doyle, A. H. Bridwell, F. C. Merkle, C. L. Herzog. Outfielders—H. E. McCormick, John C. Barry, Josh De Vore, Louis Evans, Wm. P. Shannon, M. J. Donlin, J. B. Seymour.

### PHILADELPHIA.

Manager—William J. Murray.

Pitchers—Geo. McQuillan, L. H. Moren, Chas. E. Brown, T. Frank Sparks, Lewis Richie, Wm. A. Foxen, Frank Corridon, H. Coveleskie, Earl Moore, H. K. Hoch. Catchers—Chas. S. Dooin, F. Jacklitsch. Infielders—Otto

Knabe, Ed. Grant, W. Bransfield, M. J. Doolan, E. E. Courtney, Wm. Gleason, David Shean. Outfielders—John Titus, S. Magee, W. Osborn, Walter Clement, Charles Johnson, Roy Thomas, H. E. McCormick.

### PITTSBURG.

Manager—Fred C. Clarke.

Pitchers—H. E. Young, Thos. McCarthy, H. S. Camnitz, S. Leever, C. Phillippe, A. P. Leifield, N. Maddox, Victor Willis, Irving Young, R. S. Vail, C. M. Bandom, H. Hillebrand. Catchers—Geo. Gibson, Ed. Phelps, P. O'Connor, John Sullivan. Infielders—Thos. Leach, John Wagner, Ed. Abbaticchio, Chas. W. Starr, Alan Storke, W. D. Gill, Jas. J. Kane, H. Swacina. Outfielders—Beals Becker, D. E. Moeller, Roy Thomas, Fred Clarke, J. O. Wilson, W. P. Shannon, Royal Shaw, Cecil Neighbors.

### ST. LOUIS.

Manager—J. J. McCloskey.

Pitchers—Chas. A. Rhodes, F. J. Gaiser, O. F. Baldwin, John C. Lush, Grant McGlynn, A. L. Raymond, Harry Sallee, F. L. Beebe, I. C. Higginbotham, Arthur Fromme, Ed. Karger. Catchers—A. Hostetter, Wm. Ludwig, John J. Bliss, Wm. Marshall, C. Moran. Infielders—Ed. Konetchy, Raymond Charles, R. Byrne, Wm. O. Gilbert, Jos. L. O'Rourke, Thos. H. Reilly, J. W. Morris, C. Osteen. Outfielders—John C. Barry, W. E. Murdock, Joe Delahanty, J. J. Murray, Albert Shaw, R. E. McLaurin.

### UMPIRES, 1908.

R. D. Emslie, H. O'Day, J. E. Johnstone, W. J. Klem, Charles Rigler, F. F. Rudderham, C. B. Owens.

# Official National League Averages

## STANDING OF CLUBS AT CLOSE OF SEASON.

Clubs.	Chi.	N.Y.	Pitts.	Phil.	Cin.	Bos.	Br.	St.L.	W.	P.C.
Chicago .....	11	10	9	16	16	18	19	39	99	.643
New York .....	11	11	16	14	16	16	14	98	98	.636
Pittsburg .....	12	11	13	14	15	13	20	98	98	.636
Philadelphia .....	13	6	9	12	12	17	14	83	539	.539
Cincinnati .....	6	8	8	10	14	16	11	73	474	.474
Boston .....	6	6	7	10	8	12	14	63	408	.408
Brooklyn .....	4	6	9	5	6	10	13	53	344	.344
St. Louis .....	3	8	2	8	11	8	9	49	318	.318
Lost .....	55	56	56	71	81	91	101	105		

Postponed Games—At Boston, 5; all played. At Brooklyn, 5; all played. At New York, 7; all played. At Philadelphia, 10; all played. At Pittsburg, 13; all played. At Cincinnati, 6; all played. At Chicago, 11; all played. At St. Louis, 10; all played.

Tie Games—At Boston, 1; played off. At New York, 3; played off. At Philadelphia, 1; played off. At Chicago, 1; played off.

## CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

1871—Athletics .....	.759	1890—Brooklyn .....	.667
1872—Boston .....	.830	1891—Boston .....	.630
1873—Boston .....	.729	1892—Boston .....	.680
1874—Boston .....	.717	1893—Boston .....	.667
1875—Boston .....	.809	1894—Baltimore .....	.695
1876—Chicago .....	.788	1895—Baltimore .....	.689
1877—Boston .....	.646	1896—Baltimore .....	.698
1878—Boston .....	.683	1897—Boston .....	.795
1879—Providence .....	.702	1898—Boston .....	.685
1880—Chicago .....	.798	1899—Brooklyn .....	.682
1881—Chicago .....	.667	1900—Brooklyn .....	.603
1882—Chicago .....	.655	1901—Pittsburg .....	.647
1883—Boston .....	.643	1902—Pittsburg .....	.741
1884—Providence .....	.750	1903—Pittsburg .....	.650
1885—Chicago .....	.770	1904—New York .....	.693
1886—Chicago .....	.726	1905—New York .....	.668
1887—Detroit .....	.637	1906—Chicago .....	.765
1888—New York .....	.641	1907—Chicago .....	.704
1889—New York .....	.659		

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	P.C.
Wagner, Pittsburg .....	151	568	100	201	398	39	19	10	14	53	.354
Donlin, New York .....	155	592	71	198	268	26	13	6	33	30	.334
Doyle, New York .....	102	377	65	116	150	16	9	0	25	17	.308
Bransfield, Philadelphia .....	143	527	53	160	208	25	7	3	16	30	.304
Evers, Chicago .....	123	416	83	125	156	19	6	0	22	36	.300
Herzog, New York .....	59	160	38	48	58	6	2	0	10	16	.300
Lober, Cincinnati .....	155	570	71	167	232	17	18	4	32	47	.293
Zimmerman, Chicago .....	30	113	17	33	39	4	1	0	4	2	.292
Titus, Philadelphia .....	149	539	75	154	194	24	5	2	31	27	.286
Bridwell, New York .....	147	467	53	133	149	14	1	0	20	20	.285
McCormick, Phila.-New York .....	70	274	31	78	100	16	3	0	7	6	.285
McGee, Philadelphia .....	142	508	79	144	212	30	16	2	19	40	.283
Bresnahan, New York .....	139	449	70	127	161	25	3	1	24	14	.283
Murray, St. Louis .....	154	593	64	167	237	19	15	7	4	48	.282
Howard, Chicago .....	89	315	42	88	104	7	3	1	11	11	.279
Stem, Boston .....	19	72	9	20	22	0	1	0	2	1	.278
Kling, Chicago .....	125	424	51	117	162	23	5	4	13	16	.276
Graham, Boston .....	67	215	22	59	64	5	0	0	6	4	.274



## INDIVIDUAL BATTING.—(Continued.)

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	P.C.
Ritchey, Boston	120	421	44	115	137	10	3	2	21	7	.273
Chance, Chicago	126	452	65	123	164	27	4	2	16	27	.272
Bescher, Cincinnati	32	114	16	31	46	5	5	0	2	10	.272
Merkle, New York	18	41	6	11	18	2	1	1	2	0	.268
Seymour, New York	155	587	59	157	199	23	2	5	33	18	.267
Osborn, Philadelphia	152	555	62	148	197	19	12	2	15	16	.267
Beaumont, Boston	121	476	66	127	165	20	6	2	13	13	.267
Tinker, Chicago	157	548	67	146	214	22	14	6	29	30	.266
Maddox, Pittsburg	36	94	9	25	34	3	3	0	4	0	.266
Clarke, Pittsburg	151	551	83	146	200	18	15	2	22	24	.265
Shaw, St. Louis	96	367	40	97	121	13	4	1	8	9	.264
P. Moran, Chicago	45	150	12	39	46	5	1	0	8	6	.260
Leach, Pittsburg	152	583	93	151	222	24	16	5	27	24	.259
Kelley, Boston	62	228	25	59	77	8	2	2	6	5	.259
Bates, Boston	117	445	48	115	144	14	6	1	13	25	.258
Murdoch, St. Louis	16	62	5	16	19	3	0	0	1	4	.258
Tenney, New York	156	583	101	149	177	20	1	2	22	17	.256
Delehanty, St. Louis	138	499	37	127	166	14	11	1	15	11	.255
Hoblitzell, Cincinnati	32	114	8	29	36	3	2	0	3	2	.254
Devlin, New York	157	534	59	135	167	18	4	2	19	19	.253
Storke, Pittsburg	56	202	20	51	65	5	3	1	8	4	.252
Thomas, Phila. and Pittsburg	107	410	54	103	137	11	10	1	8	11	.251
Abbatechio, Pittsburg	144	500	43	125	158	16	7	1	25	22	.250
Ganzel, Cincinnati	108	388	32	97	136	16	10	1	18	6	.250
Konetchy, St. Louis	154	545	46	135	193	19	12	5	25	16	.248
Doolin, Philadelphia	132	435	28	108	133	17	4	0	12	20	.248
Jordan, Brooklyn	146	515	58	127	191	18	5	12	11	9	.247
Smith, Boston	38	130	13	32	41	2	2	1	4	2	.246
Moren, Philadelphia	28	49	5	12	14	0	1	0	2	0	.245
Grant, Philadelphia	147	598	69	146	175	13	8	0	14	27	.244
Sweeney, Boston	127	418	44	102	123	15	3	0	18	17	.244
Weimer, Cincinnati	15	45	7	11	12	1	0	0	2	1	.244
Burch, Brooklyn	116	456	45	111	133	8	4	2	11	15	.243
Hofman, Chicago	116	411	55	100	131	15	5	2	28	15	.242
Paskert, Cincinnati	116	395	40	96	121	14	4	1	16	25	.243
Becker, Pittsburg and Boston	60	236	17	57	64	3	2	0	9	9	.242
Hummel, Brooklyn	154	594	51	143	190	11	12	4	12	20	.241
Steinfeldt, Chicago	150	539	63	130	165	20	6	1	32	12	.241
James Kane, Pittsburg	40	145	16	35	44	3	3	0	5	5	.241
Karger, St. Louis	22	54	4	13	16	1	1	0	6	1	.241
McGann, Boston	120	475	52	114	138	8	5	2	20	9	.240
Dahlen, Boston	144	524	50	125	161	23	2	3	21	10	.239
Huggins, Cincinnati	135	498	65	119	143	14	5	0	28	30	.239
McMillan, Brooklyn	43	147	9	35	38	3	0	0	5	5	.238
Schulte, Chicago	102	386	42	91	118	20	2	1	25	15	.236
Wiltse, New York	44	110	9	26	28	2	0	0	7	1	.236
Doolan, Philadelphia	129	445	29	104	143	25	4	2	19	5	.234
Phelps, Pittsburg	20	64	3	15	21	2	2	0	1	0	.234
Reulbach, Chicago	46	99	10	23	33	6	2	0	9	1	.232
Hostetter, St. Louis	45	155	10	36	45	7	1	0	10	1	.232
Sheckard, Chicago	115	403	54	93	123	18	3	2	21	18	.231
Taylor, New York	27	35	0	8	8	0	0	0	5	0	.229
Gibson, Pittsburg	140	486	37	111	144	19	4	2	10	4	.228
Browne, Boston	138	536	61	122	147	10	6	1	13	17	.228
Hulswitt, Cincinnati	119	386	27	88	110	5	7	1	12	7	.228
Bowerman, Boston	74	254	16	58	71	8	1	1	4	4	.228
Wilson, Pittsburg	144	529	47	120	151	8	7	3	19	12	.227
Leifeld, Pittsburg	34	75	6	17	20	1	1	0	3	2	.227
Bayless, Cincinnati	19	71	7	16	20	1	0	1	1	0	.225
Gill, Pittsburg	25	76	10	17	19	0	1	0	9	3	.224
Mitchell, Cincinnati	119	406	41	90	114	9	6	1	14	18	.222
Slagle, Chicago	101	352	38	78	84	4	1	0	22	17	.222
Crandall, New York	32	72	8	16	26	4	0	2	6	0	.222

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING.—(Continued.)

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PO.
Jacklitsch, Philadelphia .....	30	86	6	19	22	3	0	0	4	3	.221
Schlei, Cincinnati .....	88	300	31	66	83	6	4	1	13	2	.220
Mowrey, Cincinnati .....	63	227	17	50	61	9	1	0	11	5	.220
Lewis, Brooklyn .....	116	415	22	91	111	5	6	1	16	9	.219
Knabe, Philadelphia .....	151	555	63	121	163	26	8	0	42	27	.218
McLean, Cincinnati .....	88	309	24	67	87	9	4	1	8	2	.217
Lumley, Brooklyn .....	116	440	36	95	144	13	12	4	16	4	.216
Pattee, Brooklyn .....	74	264	19	57	66	5	2	0	11	24	.216
Swacina, Pittsburg .....	50	176	7	38	46	6	1	0	5	4	.216
Shannon, N. Y.-Pittsburg .....	106	395	44	85	96	2	3	1	13	18	.215
Sheehan, Brooklyn .....	145	468	45	100	122	18	2	0	26	9	.214
Gilbert, St. Louis .....	89	276	12	59	66	7	0	0	8	6	.214
John Kane, Cincinnati .....	127	455	61	97	131	11	7	3	26	30	.213
Bliss, St. Louis .....	43	136	9	29	36	4	0	1	5	3	.213
Barry, St. L.-N. Y. ....	102	335	29	71	84	9	2	0	12	10	.212
Richie, Philadelphia .....	25	52	0	11	15	2	1	0	0	0	.212
Needham, New York .....	47	91	8	19	22	3	0	0	6	0	.209
Brown, Chicago .....	44	121	5	25	25	0	0	0	5	2	.207
Egan, Cincinnati .....	18	68	8	14	19	3	1	0	6	7	.206
Marshall, St. Louis-Chicago .....	15	34	4	7	9	0	1	0	1	0	.206
Charles, St. Louis .....	119	454	39	93	116	14	3	1	20	15	.205
Hannifin, New York-Boston .....	80	259	30	53	69	6	2	2	11	7	.205
McIntire, Brooklyn .....	40	100	5	20	25	3	1	0	1	0	.200
Alperman, Brooklyn .....	57	213	17	42	50	3	1	1	9	2	.197
Osteen, St. Louis .....	29	112	2	22	26	4	0	0	2	0	.196
Maloney, Brooklyn .....	107	359	31	70	98	5	7	3	14	14	.195
O'Rourke, St. Louis .....	53	164	8	32	40	4	2	0	8	2	.195
Spade, Cincinnati .....	35	87	9	17	19	0	1	0	3	0	.195
Ames, New York .....	18	36	5	7	7	0	0	0	4	0	.194
Moeller, Pittsburg .....	27	109	14	21	26	3	1	0	0	4	.193
Ritter, Brooklyn .....	37	99	6	19	23	2	1	0	2	0	.192
Byrne, St. Louis .....	126	439	27	84	93	7	1	0	24	16	.191
Catterson, Brooklyn .....	18	68	5	13	19	1	1	1	2	0	.191
Raymond, St. Louis .....	48	90	3	17	19	2	0	0	3	0	.189
Starr, Pittsburg .....	19	59	8	11	13	2	0	0	3	6	.186
Ludwig, St. Louis .....	62	187	15	34	40	2	2	0	4	3	.182
Courtney, Philadelphia .....	42	160	14	29	32	3	0	0	5	1	.181
McGinnity, New York .....	37	61	3	11	12	1	0	0	5	1	.180
Rucker, Brooklyn .....	42	117	3	21	23	0	1	0	1	1	.179
Dorner, Boston .....	38	67	4	12	12	0	0	0	5	0	.179
Morris, St. Louis .....	23	73	1	13	16	1	1	0	4	1	.178
I. Young, Boston-Pittsburg .....	32	62	4	11	13	0	1	0	1	0	.177
Lindaman, Boston .....	43	85	10	15	16	1	0	0	4	0	.176
Bergen, Brooklyn .....	99	302	8	53	65	8	2	0	13	1	.175
C. Moran, St. Louis .....	16	63	2	11	16	1	2	0	0	0	.175
Reilly, St. Louis .....	29	81	5	14	18	1	0	1	2	4	.173
Dunn, Brooklyn .....	20	64	3	11	14	3	0	0	2	0	.172
Bell, Brooklyn .....	29	47	1	8	14	2	2	0	5	0	.170
Lush, St. Louis .....	38	89	7	15	17	2	0	0	4	1	.169
Ferguson, Boston .....	37	65	8	11	14	1	1	0	3	0	.169
Willis, Pittsburg .....	41	103	9	17	18	1	0	0	4	0	.165
Mathewson, New York .....	56	129	11	20	26	2	2	0	7	0	.155
McQuillan, Philadelphia .....	48	119	4	18	19	1	0	0	6	0	.151
Ewing, Cincinnati .....	37	94	5	14	17	3	0	0	4	2	.149
Lundgren, Chicago .....	23	47	2	7	7	0	0	0	5	0	.149
Leever, Pittsburg .....	38	61	5	9	11	0	1	0	2	1	.148
McCarthy, Cin.-Pitts.-Bos. ....	17	41	4	6	7	1	0	0	4	0	.146
Boultes, Boston .....	17	21	2	3	3	0	0	0	4	1	.143
Flaherty, Boston .....	31	86	8	12	16	0	2	0	5	2	.140
Fromme, St. Louis .....	20	36	2	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	.139
Dubuc, Cincinnati .....	16	29	2	4	5	1	0	0	2	0	.138
Higginbotham, St. Louis .....	19	38	3	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	.132
Overall, Chicago .....	37	70	3	9	12	1	1	0	8	1	.129

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
Pastorius, Brooklyn	28	62	4	8	10	0	1	0	3	0	.129
Beebe, St. Louis	29	56	1	7	9	0	1	0	3	0	.125
Brain, Cincinnati-New York	25	72	6	9	9	0	0	0	1	1	.125
Corrison, Philadelphia	27	73	2	9	9	0	0	0	3	0	.123
Fraser, Chicago	26	50	3	6	7	1	0	0	5	1	.120
Wilhelm, Brooklyn	42	111	4	12	12	0	0	0	5	0	.108
Pfiester, Chicago	33	79	2	8	9	1	0	0	4	1	.101
Foxen, Philadelphia	22	53	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	.094
Strang, New York	22	53	8	5	5	0	0	0	2	5	.094
Coakley, Cincinnati-Chicago	36	82	3	7	8	1	0	0	5	0	.085
Camnitz, Pittsburg	38	72	4	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	.083
Campbell, Cincinnati	35	72	1	6	8	0	1	0	6	0	.083
McGlynn, St. Louis	16	26	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	.077
Sparks, Philadelphia	33	77	1	4	4	0	0	0	11	0	.052
Sallee, St. Louis	25	41	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	.049
Malarkey, New York	15	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

## CLUB BATTING.

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
New York	157	5006	651	1339	1667	182	43	20	250	181	.267
Chicago	158	5085	625	1267	1632	196	56	19	270	212	.249
Pittsburg	155	5109	585	1263	1696	162	98	25	184	186	.247
Philadelphia	155	5012	503	1223	1586	194	68	11	213	200	.244
Boston	156	5131	537	1228	1502	137	43	17	194	134	.239
Cincinnati	155	4879	488	1108	1433	129	77	14	214	196	.227
St. Louis	154	4959	372	1105	1404	134	57	17	164	150	.222
Brooklyn	154	4897	375	1044	1358	110	60	28	166	113	.213

Fly Ball Sacrifice Hits—New York, 49; Cincinnati, 47; Chicago, 47; Pittsburg, 42; Boston, 41; Philadelphia, 28; St. Louis, 23; Brooklyn, 12.

Three Leading Fly Ball Sacrifice Hitters—Seymour, New York, 13; Donlin, New York, 10; Tinker, Chicago, 8.

## INDIVIDUAL FIELDING.

## FIRST BASEMEN.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	TC.	PC.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	TC.	PC.
Gill, Pl.	25	237	7	0	244	1000	Bransfield, Ph.	143	1472	89	22	1583	.986
Stem, Bo.	19	192	9	1	202	.995	Hoblitzell, Cl.	32	312	24	5	342	.985
Tenney, N.Y.	156	1624	117	18	1759	.990	Swacina, Pl.	50	501	19	9	529	.983
Ganzel, Cl.	108	1116	61	12	1189	.990	Jordan, Br.	146	1462	55	28	1545	.980
Chance, Ch.	126	1291	86	15	1392	.989	Hofman, Ch.	37	357	20	11	388	.972
McGann, Bo.	121	1229	93	16	1338	.988	Kane, Pl.	40	378	24	14	416	.966
Storke, Pl.	49	481	17	6	504	.988	McLean, Cl.	19	165	5	8	178	.955
Konetchy, S.L.	154	1610	122	24	1756	.986							

## SECOND BASEMEN.

Knabe, Ph.	151	344	470	26	840	.969	Gilbert, S.L.	89	222	254	24	500	.952
Ab'tichio, Pl.	144	268	423	22	713	.969	Hofman, Ch.	22	41	55	6	102	.941
Ritchey, Bo.	120	325	368	24	717	.967	Doyle, N.Y.	102	180	291	33	504	.935
Hannifin, Bo.	22	55	64	4	123	.967	Alperman, Br.	42	74	110	13	197	.934
Pattee, Br.	74	158	246	15	419	.964	Zimmerman, Ch.	20	41	43	7	91	.923
Hummel, Br.	43	105	127	9	241	.963	Charles, S.L.	65	123	182	26	331	.921
Evers, Ch.	122	237	361	25	623	.960	Herzog, N.Y.	42	61	125	16	202	.921
Huggins, Cl.	135	302	406	30	738	.959	Egan, Cl.	18	35	47	10	92	.891

## THIRD BASEMEN.

Devlin, N.Y.	157	203	331	30	564	.947	Sweeney, Bo.	123	174	277	34	485	.930
Steinfeldt, Ch.	150	166	275	28	469	.940	Hannifin, Bo.	35	53	79	10	142	.930
Leach, Pl.	150	199	293	33	525	.937	Byrne, S.L.	122	183	248	35	466	.925
Mowrey, Cl.	56	51	110	11	172	.936	Robert, Cl.	99	121	181	26	328	.921
Sheehan, Br.	145	174	280	34	488	.930	Courtney, Ph.	22	18	36	5	59	.915
Grant, Ph.	134	197	271	35	503	.930	Charles, S.L.	23	35	45	8	88	.909



INDIVIDUAL FIELDING—(Continued).  
SHORTSTOPS.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Tinker, Ch.,	157	314	570	39	923	.958	Bridwell, N.Y.	147	277	486	55	818	.933
Dahlen, Bo.,	144	291	553	43	887	.952	Lobert, Cl.,	35	64	87	13	164	.921
Wagner, Pl.,	151	354	469	50	873	.943	Charles, S.L.,	31	57	95	15	167	.910
Lewis, Br.,	116	227	352	35	614	.943	McMillan, Br.,	29	52	86	20	158	.873
Doolan, Ph.,	129	269	419	45	733	.939	Reilly, S.L.,	29	34	69	16	119	.866
Morris, S.L.,	23	47	75	8	130	.938	O'Rourke, S.L.	53	80	171	41	292	.860
Hulswitt, Cl.,	118	242	368	42	652	.936	Osteen, S.L.,	17	30	42	13	85	.847

## LEFT FIELDERS.

Bescher, Cl.,	32	82	2	0	84	1000	Magee, Ph.,	142	279	15	9	303	.970
Barry, N.Y.,	20	27	0	0	27	1000	Paskert, Cl.,	77	174	10	7	191	.963
Burch, Br.,	47	91	8	2	101	.980	Slagle, Ch.,	26	52	0	2	54	.963
Del'h'ty, S.L.,	138	243	11	6	260	.977	Sheckard, Ch.,	115	201	13	10	224	.955
Donlin, N.Y.,	28	42	1	1	44	.977	Bates, Bo.,	101	185	13	10	208	.952
Catterson, Br.,	18	39	1	1	41	.976	Brain, Cl.,	16	36	0	2	38	.947
Clarke, Pi.,	150	346	15	10	371	.973	Kelley, Bo.,	38	71	5	5	81	.928
Hummel, Br.,	90	155	18	5	178	.972	Lobert, Cl.,	21	37	2	3	42	.929
Shannon, NY-Pi.	65	98	4	3	105	.971	M'C'r'k, NY-Ph.	59	91	3	8	102	.922

## CENTER FIELDERS.

Slagle, Ch.,	75	147	6	3	156	.981	Shannon, Pi.,	20	66	2	3	71	.958
Kane, Cl.,	120	292	15	6	313	.980	Hofman, Ch.,	50	118	9	6	133	.955
Thomas, Ph.-Pi.	107	282	7	7	296	.976	Wilson, Pi.,	34	56	3	3	62	.952
Browne, Bo.,	17	36	1	1	38	.974	Maloney, Br.,	95	224	11	12	247	.951
Burch, Br.,	44	94	7	3	104	.971	Paskert, Cl.,	34	72	5	4	81	.951
Osborn, Ph.,	146	342	14	12	368	.967	Seymour, N.Y.	155	340	29	20	389	.949
Beaumont, Bo.	121	259	17	10	286	.965	Shaw, S.L.,	67	146	18	10	174	.943
Howard, Ch.,	30	52	1	2	55	.964	Murray, S.L.,	87	183	11	19	213	.911

## RIGHT FIELDERS.

Bayless, Cl.,	17	23	5	0	28	1000	Burch, Br.,	27	57	9	3	69	.957
Schulte, Ch.,	89	118	8	1	127	.982	Wilson, Pi.,	109	200	17	10	227	.956
Donlin, N.Y.,	127	197	20	5	222	.977	Lumley, Br.,	116	157	13	8	178	.955
Howard, Ch.,	51	77	9	3	89	.966	Shannon, NY-Pi.	21	38	4	2	44	.955
Titus, Ph.,	149	215	22	9	246	.963	Moeller, Pi.,	23	38	0	2	40	.950
Barry, S.L.-N.Y.	79	115	10	5	130	.962	Browne, Bo.,	109	186	16	12	214	.944
Mitchell, Cl.,	115	188	16	9	213	.958	Murray, S.L.,	67	91	11	9	111	.919
Becker, Pi.-Bo.,	59	55	12	3	70	.957	Shaw, S.L.,	22	33	4	4	41	.902

## CATCHERS.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.B.	P.C.
Bliss, St. Louis	43	194	59	2	255	5	.922
Bergen, Brooklyn	99	470	137	7	614	7	.989
Bresnahan, New York	139	657	140	12	809	17	.985
Kling, Chicago	117	596	149	16	761	4	.979
Phelps, Pittsburgh	20	69	15	2	86	3	.977
Jacklitsch, Philadelphia	30	126	38	4	168	4	.976
Needham, New York	47	168	30	5	203	6	.975
Smith, Boston	38	143	52	5	200	2	.975
Gibson, Pittsburgh	140	607	136	21	764	4	.973
Bowerman, Boston	63	228	69	9	306	3	.971
P. Moran, Chicago	45	242	56	10	208	8	.968
Doolin, Philadelphia	132	554	191	26	771	15	.966
McLean, Cincinnati	69	280	82	14	376	8	.963
Schled, Cincinnati	88	355	96	18	469	13	.962
Ritter, Brooklyn	37	132	44	7	183	3	.962
Dunn, Brooklyn	20	93	42	6	141	2	.957
Graham, Boston	62	242	75	15	332	4	.955
Ludwig, St. Louis	62	227	87	16	330	5	.952
Hostetter, St. Louis	41	182	56	13	251	8	.948
C. Moran, St. Louis	16	58	26	9	93	6	.903

## CLUB FIELDING.

Club.	G.	P.	O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.B.	P.C.	Club.	G.	P.	O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.B.	P.C.
Chicago.	158	4292	2051	205	6548	12	.969		Boston.	156	4157	2225	253	6635	10	.962	
Pittsburg.	155	4201	1907	226	6334	8	.964		Brooklyn.	154	4075	2044	247	6366	13	.961	
Phila.	155	4157	2071	238	6466	19	.963		Cincinnati.	155	4085	1918	255	6358	21	.959	
New York.	157	4220	2086	250	6556	23	.962		St. Louis.	154	4039	2059	348	6446	24	.946	

## PITCHERS' RECORDS.

Record of those who pitched in fifteen or more games, arranged according to percentage of victories:

Name and Club.	G.	P.	O.	A.	E.	T.	Field.	H.	B.	St.	W.	E.	T.	Sh.	Bat.
							P.C.	B.	B.	O.	P.	I.	G.	O.	L.
Reulbach, Chicago .....	46	15	77	7	99	.929		12	103	133	5	4	1	6	24
Mathewson, N. Y.....	56	27	141	2	170	.988		3	42	259	2	3	1	12	37
Brown, Chicago .....	44	35	73	0	108	1.000		5	49	123	6	5	0	9	29
Maddox, Pittsburg....	36	8	77	3	83	.966		11	90	70	4	2	0	4	23
Leever, Pittsburg....	38	8	44	2	54	.963		6	41	28	3	2	0	4	15
Willis, Pittsburg....	41	11	87	1	99	.590		6	69	97	4	3	1	7	23
Camnitz, Pittsburg....	38	7	64	6	77	.922		5	69	118	2	1	0	3	16
Ames, New York.....	18	5	32	3	40	.925		1	27	81	2	0	0	0	7
McCarthy, Cl.-Pg.-Bo.	17	4	36	1	41	.976		1	37	31	1	0	0	2	7
Wiltse, New York....	44	25	89	2	116	.583		9	73	118	4	4	1	7	23
Taylor, New York....	27	8	35	4	47	.915		4	34	50	4	0	1	1	8
McGinnity, N. Y....	37	10	50	5	65	.923		7	37	55	3	0	0	5	11
Spade, Cincinnati...	35	4	57	6	67	.910		5	85	74	1	3	0	3	17
Corrigan, Phila. ....	27	12	78	5	96	.948		6	48	50	3	4	0	2	14
Overall, Chicago ....	37	13	51	5	69	.928		2	78	167	6	2	1	4	15
McQuillan, Phila. ....	48	14	95	6	115	.948		6	91	114	5	3	0	7	23
Fraser, Chicago .....	26	14	61	1	76	.987		6	61	66	7	0	0	4	11
Pfister, Chicago .....	33	13	56	2	71	.972		11	70	117	5	1	2	3	12
Weimer, Cincinnati...	15	7	37	0	44	1.000		6	50	36	2	0	0	2	8
Ewing, Cincinnati...	37	11	69	3	83	.964		5	57	95	7	3	1	4	17
Leifield, Pittsburg...	34	6	62	5	73	.932		12	86	87	3	3	0	5	15
Sparks, Philadelphia...	33	15	65	6	86	.930		8	51	85	0	4	0	2	16
Crandall, New York...	32	15	52	1	68	.985		9	59	77	2	3	0	0	12
Ferguson, Boston ....	37	9	45	6	60	.900		8	84	98	3	1	0	3	11
Foxen, Philadelphia...	22	9	51	3	63	.952		8	53	52	8	1	0	2	7
Campbell, Cincinnati...	35	10	87	7	104	.933		10	44	73	3	1	0	2	12
Rucker, Brooklyn....	42	13	107	4	124	.968		19	125	199	5	4	0	6	17
Moren, Philadelphia...	28	6	43	2	51	.961		2	49	72	5	0	0	4	8
Dubuc, Cincinnati...	16	7	26	2	35	.943		5	42	33	1	0	0	1	5
Lindaman, Boston....	43	9	68	2	79	.575		10	70	68	7	3	1	2	12
Wilhelm, Brooklyn...	42	17	109	6	132	.955		6	83	99	5	3	0	6	16
Richie, Philadelphia...	25	7	40	6	53	.887		6	49	58	3	3	1	1	7
Flaherty, Boston ....	31	20	79	4	103	.961		8	81	50	5	4	1	0	12
I. Young, Bo.-Pg....	32	10	42	7	59	.881		7	40	63	0	3	0	2	8
Lundgren, Chicago...	23	6	34	1	41	.976		0	56	38	4	1	0	1	6
Lush, St. Louis.....	38	15	73	7	95	.926		11	57	93	8	5	0	3	11
Raymond, St. Louis...	48	12	108	8	128	.938		14	95	145	9	3	0	5	15
Boultes, Boston .....	7	17	0	24	1.000			1	8	28	0	1	0	0	3
Coakley, Cl.-Ch. ....	8	56	4	68	.941			4	70	68	1	2	0	5	10
McIntire, Brooklyn...	40	6	74	4	84	.952		20	90	108	0	1	0	4	11
Karger, St. Louis....	22	10	33	2	45	.956		2	50	34	4	1	0	1	4
Dorner, Boston .....	38	8	77	5	90	.944		15	77	41	2	1	0	3	2
Beebe, St. Louis.....	29	9	54	2	65	.969		4	66	72	0	0	0	0	5
Fromme, St. Louis...	20	3	30	0	33	1.000		2	56	62	2	1	0	2	5
Sallee, St. Louis....	25	5	37	1	43	.977		3	26	32	2	1	0	1	3
Higginbotham, St. L.	19	2	27	1	30	.967		3	23	38	7	1	0	1	3
Bell, Brooklyn .....	29	2	51	1	94	.581		2	45	63	4	0	0	2	4
Pastorius, Brooklyn...	28	6	66	2	74	.973		7	74	54	6	3	0	2	4
McGlynn, St. Louis...	16	1	29	4	34	.882		2	17	23	1	0	0	0	1
Malarkey, New York...	15	1	9	1	11	.909		1	10	12	0	1	0	0	0

No-hit Games—Wiltse of New York vs. Philadelphia, July 4, A. M. (10 innings); Rucker of Brooklyn vs. Boston, September 5.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE—SEASON OF 1909

CLUBS	At Boston	At Brooklyn	At New York	At Philadelphia	At Pittsburg	At Cincinnati	At Chicago	At St. Louis
Boston.....	April 30 May 1, 3, 4 July 5, 6, 7 Oct. 2, 4, 5	April 28, 29 June 22, 23, 24 Sept. 4, 6, 7	April 26, 27, 28, 29 June 22, 23, 24 Sept. 4, 6, 7	April 21, 22, 23 June 23, 24 July 1, 2, 3 Oct. 6, 7	June 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 7, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 21, 22, 23	June 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 11, 12, 13 Aug. 14, 15 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 16, 17, 18, 19 July 20, 21, 22 Aug. 1, 2, 3 Sept. 28, 29, 30
Brooklyn....	April 17, 19 May 20, 21 Sept. 29, 31	April 14, 15, 16 June 13, 14, 15 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11	April 14, 15, 16 June 13, 14, 15 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11	April 26, 27, 28 June 29, 30 Sept. 28, 29 Oct. 4, 13, 14, 15	June 11, 12, 13 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 7, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 21, 22, 23	June 3, 4, 5, 6 Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 16, 17, 18 Aug. 20, 21 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	June 7, 8, 9 Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26
New York....	May Aug. 6, 7, 8, 10 July 26, 27, 28 Sept. 13, 14, 15	April 22, 23, 24 June 2, 29, 30 July 1, 2, 3 Oct. 6, 7	April 22, 23, 24 June 2, 29, 30 July 1, 2, 3 Oct. 6, 7	April 30 May 1, 3, 4 June 5, 6, 7 Aug. 17, 18, 19	June 16, 17, 18 Aug. 2, 3, 4 Sept. 7, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 21, 22, 23	June 11, 12, 13 Aug. 14, 15 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 8, 9, 10 Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 4, 5, 6 Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26
Philadelphia.	June 25, 26, 28 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11	May 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 June 22, 23, 24 Sept. 6, 7	April 17, 19, 20 May 31 Oct. 2, 2, 4, 5	April 30 May 1, 3, 4 June 5, 6, 7 Aug. 17, 18, 19	June 8, 9, 10 Aug. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 13, 14, 15 Oct. 24, 25	June 16, 17, 18 Aug. 20, 21 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	June 3, 4, 5, 6 Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 18, 19, 20 Oct. 24, 25, 26
Pittsburg....	May 24, 25, 26 July 17, 22, 23 Sept. 1, 2	May 15, 17, 18 July 19, 20 Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16 Oct. 27, 28, 30	May 20, 21, 22 July 19, 20, 21 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 24, 25, 26	May 11, 12, 13 July 14, 15 Sept. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Oct. 24, 25, 26	April 22, 23, 24 June 25, 26 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 15, 16 June 17, 18 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	April 18, 19, 20 June 2, 3, 4 Sept. 5, 6 Oct. 2, 3, 4	April 26, 27, 28 June 2, 3, 4 Sept. 12, 13, 14 Oct. 11, 12, 13
Cincinnati....	May 11, 12, 13 July 14, 15 Aug. 27, 28, 30	May 20, 21, 22 July 8, 9, 10, 12 Sept. 24, 25, 26, 28	May 15, 17, 18 July 19, 20, 21 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 24, 25, 26	May 24, 25, 26 July 19, 20, 21 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 22, 23, 24 June 25, 26 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 26, 27, 28 June 29, 30 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	May 5, 6, 7, 8 June 2, 3, 4 Sept. 12, 13, 14 Oct. 11, 12, 13	April 30, May 1, 2, 3, June 30 July 1, 2, 3 Sept. 24, 25, 26 Oct. 11, 12, 13
Chicago.....	May 20, 21, 22 July 13, 14, 15 Aug. 16, 17 Oct. 21, 21, 23	May 24, 25, 26 July 17, 19, 20, 21 Sept. 1, 2, 3	May 11, 12, 13 July 14, 15, 16 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 24, 25, 26	May 15, 17, 18 July 19, 20, 21 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 22, 23, 24 June 25, 26 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 26, 27, 28 June 29, 30 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	May 5, 6, 7, 8 June 2, 3, 4 Sept. 12, 13, 14 Oct. 11, 12, 13	April 30, May 1, 2, 3, June 30 July 1, 2, 3 Sept. 24, 25, 26 Oct. 11, 12, 13
St. Louis....	May 15, 17, 18, 19 July 8, 9, 10, 12 Aug. 24, 25, 26	May 24, 25, 26 July 17, 19, 20, 21 Sept. 1, 2, 3	May 11, 12, 13 July 14, 15, 16 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 24, 25, 26	May 15, 17, 18 July 19, 20, 21 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 12 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 22, 23, 24 June 25, 26 Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4	April 26, 27, 28 June 29, 30 Sept. 4, 5, 6 Oct. 11, 12, 13	May 5, 6, 7, 8 June 2, 3, 4 Sept. 12, 13, 14 Oct. 11, 12, 13	April 30, May 1, 2, 3, June 30 July 1, 2, 3 Sept. 24, 25, 26 Oct. 11, 12, 13



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